

Dordt College
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Registration jumbled: All students forced to start over

Tom Cruise’s taller, Lutheran brother
- Staff Writer

In a true moment of academic deja vu, Dordt students were told this week that they would have to start their college careers over again. Mass rage and weeping began as Eric Hoekstra, President of Dordt College, made the announcement to a full BJ Haan auditorium on Wednesday.

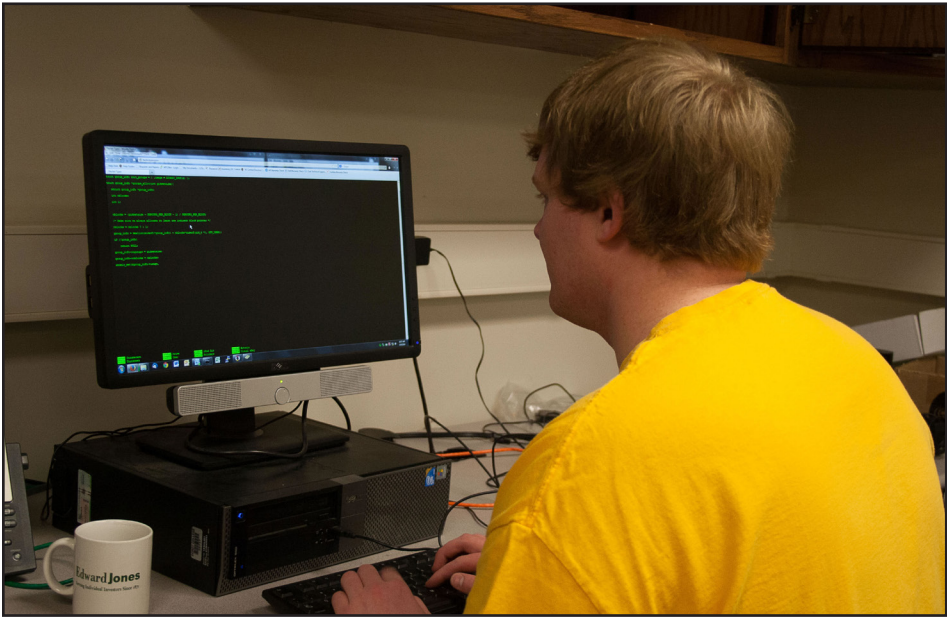
“This news hurts for all of us,” said Hoekstra. “We have to band together and just work through it.”

The announcement came after the closing of registration for next year’s classes. Brian Van Donselaar, director of computer services blamed the catastrophe on the clumsiness of a freshman work study.

“The student-worker was bringing me a cup of coffee from the break room,” said Van Donselaar, “when he tripped over the power cord for the server, unplugging it.”

Van Donselaar explained that not only was the machine unplugged but the coffee was also spilled on it, frying the internal components of the server. The server in question was the one that held the information concerning the classes everyone was registered for, as well as the classes that students had yet to take.

“All of our information was deleted,” said



Students suspect that the head workstudy of Computer Services, Austin Van Wyhe, was behind the mishap. Photo by Deadline Dodger

Van Donselaar,” and since we only have digital copies, we have no way of knowing who has done what.”

This news means that each student must start their first year all over again and retake all classes required for their major. This will mean a complete four year redo for some students. Registrar Jim Bos said that this event has created the largest freshman class on record.

“We are very proud of our new enrollment numbers,” said Bos. “Hopefully these numbers will spark a trend for the future. We’d love this many students in every freshman class.”

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Business Trip busted: No learning, all drinking

Captain Morgan - Staff Writer

59 out of the 60 students who attended the annual Dordt College Business Trip were caught drinking while in Milwaukee, Wis. this past week.

Despite the strict rules placed on the business students, they didn’t seem to be affected by the harsh consequences that would follow.

At approximately 11:02 p.m. on Thursday night, complaints started to flood in from other visitors at the hotel where the business students were staying. Loud noise and music could be heard all the way outside of the hotel.

The 59 students were caught red-handed with over 45 bottles of alcohol.

After the event, interviews were held to get to the bottom of what really happened.

Only one student remembered. The one student who rose above the influence.

Sophomore Jack Daniels was sober the entire night.

Daniels reportedly attempted to convince his fellow classmates to follow in his footsteps, but they simply refused.

“Honestly, a lot of people who go on this business trip, just go to get turned up,” Daniels said.

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55th Ave. will be closed temporarily due to lack of club members. It will reopen as the Business Club is restructured. Photo by Sexy Editor 1

Commencement change wreaks havoc

Your Mom’s Left Shoe - Staff Writer

The word has gotten out and as of this week, President Eric Hoekstra has confirmed that the news is true. The Dordt College Student Planner Committee decided on Tuesday, April 1, that this year’s commencement has been pushed to Saturday, May 10.

The committee, consisting of one teacher from each department plus every member of the Commons staff, has come to the conclusion that changing the commencement from May 9 to May 10 would be highly beneficial due to the Kindergarten Kazoo Clinic being held in the BJ Haan during finals week.

“Personally, I think it is a fabulous idea. Plus, this gives all the Professors a chance to try out the new Dairy Queen. The last time we all hung out was in the spring of 1998. I still haven’t forgiven Andy Schuttinga for breaking my trampoline,” said Eric Hoekstra.

Andy Schuttinga refused to comment on the Trampoline Fiasco of 98’.

A lot of negative talk has surrounded the movement of commencement, the majority coming from the seniors.

“This is utterly preposterous and I will not stand for this injustice. One day we will all flock together and gain the rightful revenge that is ours. The inner angst that ravages at the bottom of our souls will one day be released!” said senior Austin Herrema as he shook his fist and proceeded to disintegrate into a cloud of gold dust.

Herrema is not the only one who feels distraught about the scheduling change. At some point in the near future, all of his roommates plan to go on strike. They have created shirts for the affair.

“I hate to see my brother like this,” said Shelby Herrema, who is currently Austin Herrema’s sister. “Plus this whole ‘Roger Webster speech while disintegrating into a cloud of gold dust’ thing is starting to freak me out.”

The reason for the movement of commencement is due to the first annual Kindergarten Kazoo Clinic, which will be held in the BJ Haan. Kindergarteners from all over the Midwest will be forced to travel to Sioux Center to participate in this newly created event.

According to Benjamin Kornelis, the Professor of Music, he believes that this newly founded development has the potential to benefit Dordt College in the long run.

“We are molding a new generation of Kazoo players. In the past decade, there has been a deficiency in this type of musician. What better way to get that category rolling again than forcing all midwestern children into a week long clinic!” stated an enthusiastic Kornelis.

There has been debate on where all of the kindergarteners will be staying, but in a unanimous vote, the committee has come to the conclusion that every student on campus will house two children.

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Students misinterpret March Madness

Al Michael Michaels - Staff Writer

Most people know “March Madness” as the catchy, alliterative slang for the annual NCAA Division I Basketball Tournament. Some Dordt students, however, severely misinterpreted the phrase to be an event during the month of March in which people become violent and angry.

Dordt’s administration was forced to send eight individual students to anger management because of incidents ranging from ripping pages out of library books to tackling chaplain Aaron Baart during a chapel service.

“It’s all in good fun,” said sophomore Faith Bierma. “How many other months of the year are we allowed to lose our minds and just unleash our insanity? I don’t understand how Dordt could get so upset at me for beating up my R.A. with a tennis racket. It was in the spirit of March Madness.”

While each of the 60-plus March Madness games are viewed by over 10 million people, these Dordt hooligans are clueless when it comes to college basketball’s biggest spectacle. “I always heard about March Madness in high school,” said senior Aaron Crocker, “but all anybody ever wanted to do was watch basketball. I’m thrilled that there are others here at Dordt who like to celebrate the joyful March holiday with me.”

Professors sensed something was amiss the week before Spring Break when there

were multiple classroom incidents. Senior Katie Bonnema threw a whiteboard marker at a fellow student, junior Rocklen Mouw egged his professor during class and freshman Eliana Weigel uttered the unforgivable words, “Every square inch is dumb.”

“March Madness gives me a chance to harness the rage inside,” said Weigel. “Dordt got all serious when I bad-talked Kuyper, but I was just kidding. If this college is all about redemption, they’d understand that March Madness is a chance to redeem insanity.”

“It’s awesome,” said Bonnema about March Madness. “We get to be rebellious, and we also get time off from school. I was under the impression we had gone on Spring Break, but apparently it’s because of something called the Big 10 Conference. It must be like Heartland Conference or something.”

One Dordt professor also appeared to lose his marbles during March. Business professor John Visser gave every student in his Corporate Finance class month-long detentions and forced them to square dance with each other for three hours a night.

“They’ve always called March Madness ‘The Big Dance,’” said Visser. “I don’t know how the two correlate, but who am I to question it?”

Not everybody is thrilled with the uproarious events on campus. Junior Dustin Douma wishes the vagabonds responsible for such heinous acts would discover the true

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Something to do with March Madness...question mark?

Student Services stamps deter students

Forrest Gump - Staff Writer

We have all been there. Standing in line at 55th, walking to class, or skipping down the hall of your dorm when the eye catching potential event that is emblazoned on the wall via a shiny new poster is indubitably marred by the inky words declaring: “Student Services Approved.”

Students and faculty alike call out the injustices afflicting their eyeballs everyday on Dordt’s campus.

“Your enjoyment of the beautiful coffee swirl on the fruited plain poster outside the art department simply cannot help but stop when your eyes are met with that ominous black smudge,” independent study major Garfield Verwolf said. “And don’t get me started on that red ink on Brahm’s forehead.”

Without desecring the stamp infringement, husband of Dordt’s vice president for administration Andy Schuttinga still supports the awkward and crooked lack of care taken by stampers.

“Students on campus have to learn that life can be awkward and crooked sometimes,” Schuttinga said.

“I can understand the difficulty inherent in adding ink to a fully formed piece of communication between designer and campus,” senior Austin Van Wyhe said. “But they could at least send an art major in there to do the stamping

for them.”

The go-to color in the student services stamp arsenal has always been black, but a less common alternative is red. Red has the disadvantage of being easily seen against darker backgrounds, so poster designers can’t escape the smudge with a completely black background.

“I appreciate that they acknowledge the need to accommodate different colored posters,” social work major, Mark Tiemersma said. “But more colors are necessary. We need at least an optimum 16 color palette and adding fuchsia and puce to that wouldn’t hurt.”

The concrete canoe presentation poster was cleverly designed to be both red and black to obscure any hint of stamp, but two-inch bit of yellow flame accent was enough. Now the poster is ruined and its hope of being taken seriously by random passersby is tainted.

A study and report by Dordt’s Real World Statistical Analyses and Probability Predictions club compares unaesthetically stamped posters with their pleasant to look at counterparts with respect to the number of attendees at the event. The ugly stamp job cut attendance down by 7%.

The Zircon could not confirm this result, however. Dordt’s Real World Statistical Analyses and Probability Predictions club or DRWSAPP was planning on posting its data and statistical equations, but the poster was unable to get a stamp of approval.



Students forced to start over

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This change of plan means that college will cost much more than most students had anticipated.

“Unfortunately, we can’t just let people retake those years for free,” said Hoekstra. “In fact, repairs to the server and the man hours needed to rebuild our records means that tuition will actually increase several thousand dollars.”

This news was especially traumatizing for Dordt’s senior class, many of whom had plans for the months following their upcoming graduation.

“This is total bogus,” said senior engineering major Zach Wensink. “I was supposed to get married next year; I even had

a job lined up.”

Wensink and other seniors have started a petition to at least get their redo years for free.

“It wasn’t our fault,” said Wensink. “Why should we have to pay for some idiot freshman’s mistake?”

Robert Taylor, dean of campus life, highlighted some of the over looked upsides of this controversial news.

“Hey, at least students will bond over this experience,” said Taylor. “This will create the best community we’ve ever had!”

Despitetheoptimismoftheadministration, most students are unconvinced and remain angry.

DCBC: Risky business

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The students who were caught on the trip will receive their due punishment.

“The behavior displayed on this trip was simply and completely disrespectful,” Dordt College President Erik Hoekstra said. “It was disrespectful not only to the school, but to the hotel they were staying at.”

Punishment for all students in the business club that were caught drinking will be as follows:

Each student will receive a level three from the college, as well as permanent expulsion from the business club.

Each student will have to work at 55th with no compensation for the rest of their years at Dordt.

Each student recieves an extra 5,000 dollars added on to their yearly tuition.

Daniels is currently the only remaining member, and is bringing in Sam Adams, math

major, and Jim Beam, engineering major, to help him jumpstart a fresh new beginning for the club.

“Now that I am in charge, I am ready to give this club a new face for the department,” Daniels said. “Those who disrespected the business department by drinking on the trip deserved to be kicked off. I am so thrilled to be given this amazing opportunity!”

Daniels, Adams and Beam have already planned their first event of the club, and have put the problems of the previous members behind them.

“This will be the year that Dordt’s business club makes a name for itself,” Adams said.

Students interested in joining Daniels, Adams and Beam in the new business club should contact Daniels by email at: alcoholfreebusiness@dordt.edu.

Students suspicious of pre-marital workshop

Bandicoot Crumblycake- Staff Writer

This spring, engaged couples on Dordt's campus have the opportunity to take part in a pre-marital workshop. Many couples have already signed up and started to meet with counselors.

However, many single people on campus wonder what valuable information these couples are receiving. John Smith, a sophomore at Dordt, thinks that something fishy is going on.

"I don't know what they're telling couples in these workshops," said Smith, "but I kid you not, I saw a couple come out of one session carrying something shaped like a sword. What the heck?"

Other students report seeing couples in similar situations. Many have started to hypothesize, and they came up with a few of their own opinions. Samwise Gamgee, a Dordt senior, believes that these couples are being recruited into some kind of army.

"I think this is Dordt's way of instigating the theory of survival of the fittest," said

Gamgee. "They're equipping all the couples with weapons so that they can wipe out all the single people who haven't managed to find a significant other."

Other students agree with Gamgee. Adelaide Bonfamille, an education major, fears that this hypothesis is true.

"People at Dordt know that we need to keep up our appearances by having the highest percentage of engaged or married students of all Christian colleges," said Bonfamille. "Wiping out all the single people makes this percentage even higher, thus making Dordt look really good in that area."

While there is no firm evidence supporting this theory since none of the couples going to these workshops will tell anyone anything, single students remain on their toes. Olivia Flaversham says she can't trust anyone anymore.

"I'm even scared to go to class," said Flaversham. "What if I get so caught up in my schoolwork that someone comes behind me and takes me out? I'm thinking of transferring to a state school. I'm sure they don't have this

kind of problem there."

Of course, all Dordt authority figures are adamantly denying this theory. Benedict Cumberbatch, a representative from Student Services, brushed away the hypothesis with his reasoning.

"Why would Dordt want to wipe out their student body?" said Cumberbatch. "There would be no one left to support the school financially. However, there is a chance that these rumors were spread to encourage single students to get that ring before spring."

If single students pick up on this incentive, the hope is that the number of engaged and married couples on campus will increase. President Erik Hoekstra expressed his hope that many students will find love.

"Spring is the time where love spreads everywhere," said Hoekstra. "I wonder if the snow is causing this to be delayed though. Stupid snow."

There you have it. The stupid weather and the subject of rings before spring (two topics highly talked about at Dordt) finally come together to create one big problem that really stinks.



Photo by Your Shoe's Other Mother



Once Hoekstra's changes are implemented, Word documents will no longer be a common sight on campus. Instead, students will tweet from the library. Photo by Sexy Editor 2

Hoekstra to update Dordt, grade popularity

Mark Zuckerberg - Staff Writer

Traditionally, Dordt College has graded its students based on their effort and how well they do in their classes. Next academic year, President of Dordt College, Erik Hoekstra, would like to see that changed.

"I really think that we are starting to be seen as an 'outdated' college because of the way we grade our students," said Hoekstra.

The plan is to start grading students based on their popularity on social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. If students have chosen to stay off of the social media wagon, they will be required to bake a chocolate or funfetti cake every semester, which will become the basis on which they receive their grades.

"We're still getting the details worked out, but we're really excited to see what this next academic year holds in store for us with the new system," said Hoekstra.

The plan is to rate each student based on how frequently they post, how many "likes" or re-tweets they get on those posts and how many friends and followers they have, or, how good of a cake they can bake, should they choose to forgo social media. President Hoekstra believes this will better prepare students for the real-world that they will face once they leave Dordt.

"Today's society is more concerned with who can achieve the best 'selfie' than with who got the best grades in their pre-med program," said Hoekstra. "We're just preparing them for what reality is going to be like once they leave Dordt. Plus, what employer isn't going to love a good cake?"

"I think this is a great idea. President Hoekstra definitely has his priorities straight,

in my opinion. Kids need to learn about what's important, and these days, it's social media," said Mark Volkers, professor of digital media.

While there are some who support Hoekstra, there are others who are seeing major red flags.

"Students don't come to an academic center for learning in order to be graded by popularity," said Charles Veenstra, professor of communications. "They come to learn and to fill their minds with ideas they hadn't had before!"

Veenstra is afraid his students will not be employable once people find out that they were graded based on their social media popularity.

"I think it's awesome! I LOVE taking selfies, and I have so many friends on Facebook. Some of them I don't even know! I just wish I was going to be around to take advantage of this grading system," said Jillian Hooyer, a senior education major.

"I wasn't that excited about staying for one more semester, but now I'm pumped. My GPA will go up, for sure," said Jonathan Sanny, a senior psychology major with one semester left.

There are those who are concerned that this will spike the number of hours students spend on social media sites, and decrease the number of hours they spend on homework. The worry is that kids will become so obsessed with "likes" and re-tweets, they will not have time for real social settings anymore. Those in authority have been told about these concerns. Their response: "Time will tell."

Student teacher feature: Lii Veltkamp

Writer A - Staff Writer

What is your major?
I am a senior engineering major with a minor in being single.

What are your hobbies?
I am currently involved in Dordt's beekeeping club and updating a blog for making money from Ponzi schemes. TheValueGeek.com..... Check it out!

What made you want to start a beekeeping club at Dordt?
Well originally I wanted to start up a "WASP" club, but it seems that there are enough of them here at Dordt. Bees were the next best thing, I guess.

What are your plans for after graduation?
7 kids in as many years! This coming after my impending marriage to the awesome Katie Kortman, of course. Then I will begin my comprehensive 12-hour online training session for "Teach for America" in order to

become a highly qualified educator for our next generation.

What are your expectations for Teach for America?
None; my roommate who will remain unnamed says that if you set low goals, you will exceed them. I agree wholeheartedly.

Since you have no background in education, what made you want to pursue a teaching career?
I've failed at nearly everything else in life. Why not teach? Who needs a four-year degree to train someone how to teach? Dordt sent me a packet on teaching last week, and I have it down already. I wonder what these education majors have been doing with their time. Finger painting, maybe? I digress.

Any other reasons?
I've seen the quality of teachers coming out of Dordt lately, and I know that the world is going to help.



Lii Veltkamp is an avid beekeeper and the founder of Dordt's beekeeping club.

Campus-wide jungle gym to be installed

DarlaMae Smalls - Staff Writer

New construction plans for Dordt College’s campus no longer include just a science building, but have been expanded to include a new jungle gym to be added in the summer of 2014.

Administration stated that the main reason for building the jungle gym was to relieve the amount of stress that students were experiencing, especially during finals week.

“We thought it would be a great way for students to handle the workload, and to keep them from skipping class so much so they could sleep,” said Provost Eric Forseth. “It’s a whole new take on stress relief that we’re hoping many other colleges and organizations will follow.”

“Our plan is to build a jungle gym completely within and throughout campus,” said head of campus fitness, Dr. Richard Esicrexe. “Instead of a walkway between buildings, we’re installing monkey bars and rope swings. A slide will descend from the top of the science building to a foam pit below.”

Fitness is another goal of the jungle gym’s installation.

“We’re hoping to be one of the smartest, fittest schools in the tri-state area,” Esicrexe said.

Administration did not admit right away that the plan was not totally their own. It was actually put into action after a group of students picketed around the campus

clock tower five years ago in 2009. Calling themselves G.R.O.S.S, or Group of Stressed Students, petitions were signed and posters created to protest the stress caused by heavy workloads. After sewing together several bed sheets, engineers in the group covered the clock to show professors just how stressful not being able to manage time is.

However, action was not taken for another five years, in the hopes that the “incident,” as the protest is now known a, would fade away. According to several students, however, stress is not as big of an issue in 2014 as it was in 2009.

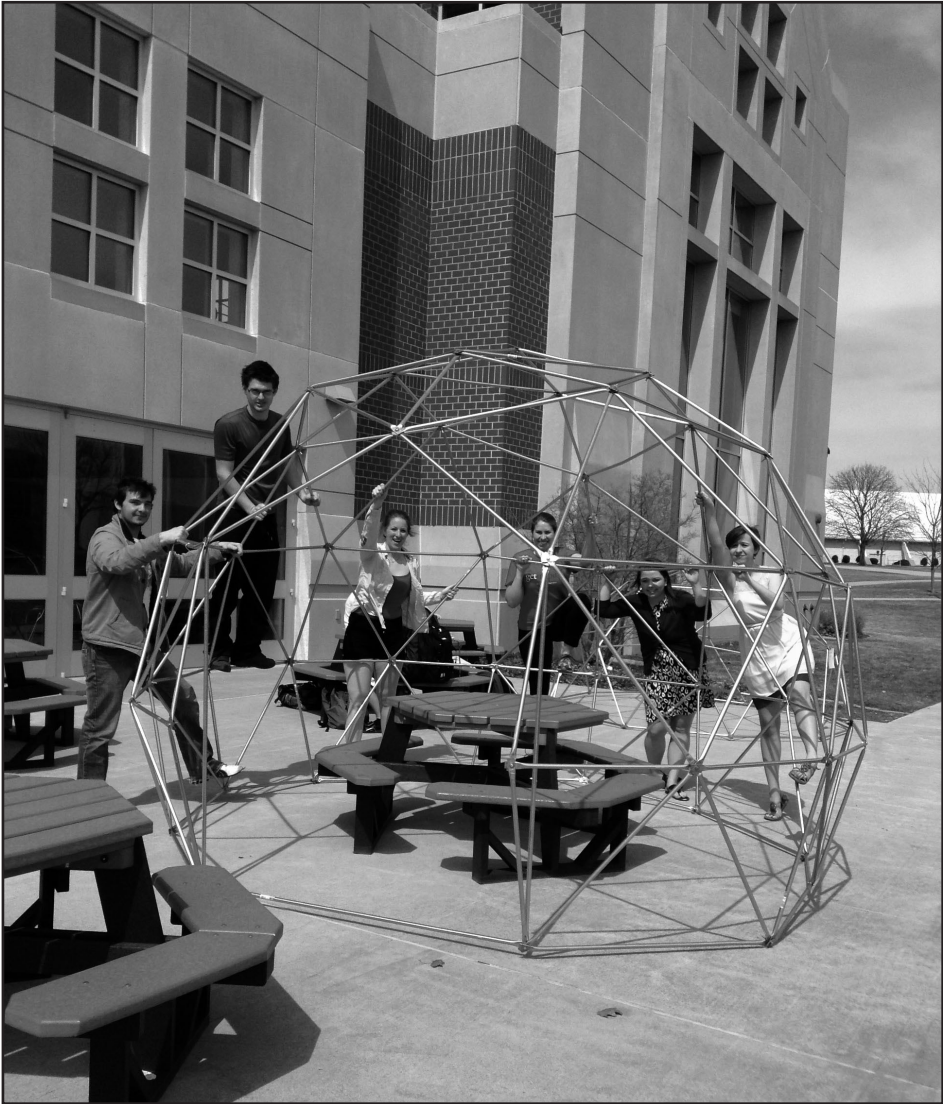
“I don’t really see the point of the jungle gym,” said statistics major and sophomore Edin Mandel. “I’m too busy to be climbing around trying to get to class when I could just walk.”

Other students don’t feel the same.

“This idea was the best Dordt has had in forever!” said Jane Thompson, Sports Therapy major. “I’ve gotten a lot fitter, and had even more people to practice on than ever before!”

Average student fitness may have gone up, but according to a recent survey, the plan to keep students from skipping class has not succeeded. Attendance has dropped nearly eighty percent, and with it, the level of classes students are able to pass.

“Turns out when you give students a playground, especially college students, they may be physically fit, but they treat all their free time like recess,” said Forseth. “I guess that’s what we were hoping to do...”



Students practice maneuvering around the jungle gym in preparation for the all-campus playground structure. Photo by Your Mom’s Other Shoe

Smelliest wing award

Severus Snape - Staff Writer

The North and South wings on the second floor of East Hall are the proud champions of the 2013-14 “smelliest wing” of Dordt College award. The pungent prizewinners will receive absolutely no monetary reimbursement for their efforts. The first and third floors have taken the initiative to give a prize of 36 vanilla-pound-cake-scented candles to their adjacent floor.

Stinking up the floor was a combined effort from both wings.

“We couldn’t have gotten this achievement without the support of our RAs,” sophomore Micah Rus said. “Soodsma and Tommy gave us free reign and really let us do our stuff.”

Both North and South wings were so close in severity of smell that the judges, biology professor James Mahaffy, East Hall LCA TJ Wells, and every single female visitor in the last 16 weeks, couldn’t bring themselves to put one above the other.

The inhabitants of the two wings have different opinions, however.

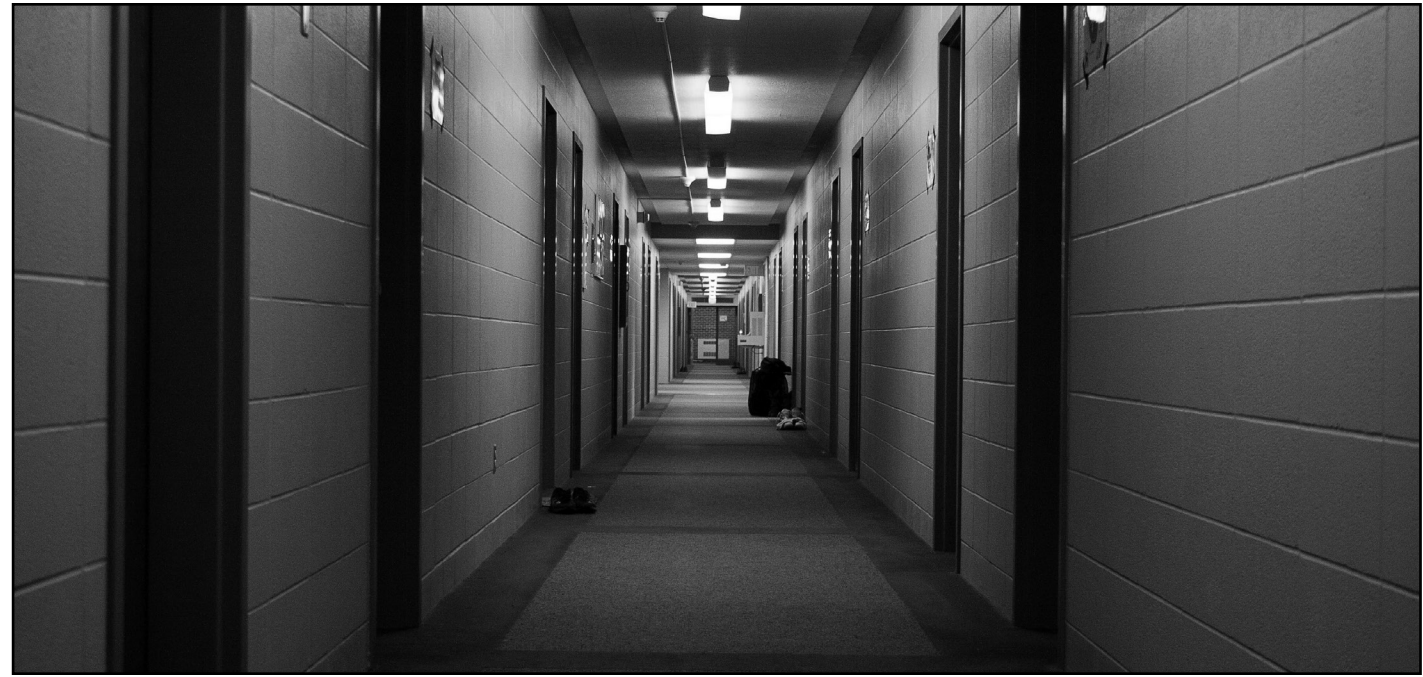
“We are definitely smellier,” North wing native Jacob Moats said. “Girls just think that our wing is worse because they spend all their time on our side.”

The infamy of the second floor is still spreading even though the annual competition is over.

“I don’t think I have ever been in second floor of East Hall,” freshman Kelli Johnston said. “I will definitely have to check it out now.

The efforts of the 2nd floor dwellers did not go completely unnoticed by the other dorms.

“It’s smelly, very smelly,” freshman and first floor resident, Kyle Fischer said. “But I



You can practically smell the hallway off the page. Or maybe it’s the Iowa air. We don’t know either. Photo by Deadline Dodger

grew up on a farm, so it’s not that bad.”

Covenant resident Emily Tuuk compared the three floors of East Hall to a cheese sandwich on rye with a three-inch thick slice of limberger.

“I heard once that the smell rises with heat, but the third floor doesn’t come close to the atmosphere of second floor,” freshman Stephanie Korthuis said.

The last 19 “smelliest wing” awards were won consecutively by the west wing of first floor of North hall. They were disqualified this year due to the discovery that there was actual mold in the molding.

“I feel like the extreme commitment these young men have shown will impact that specific floor for many semesters to come,” math professor Gary DeYoung said.

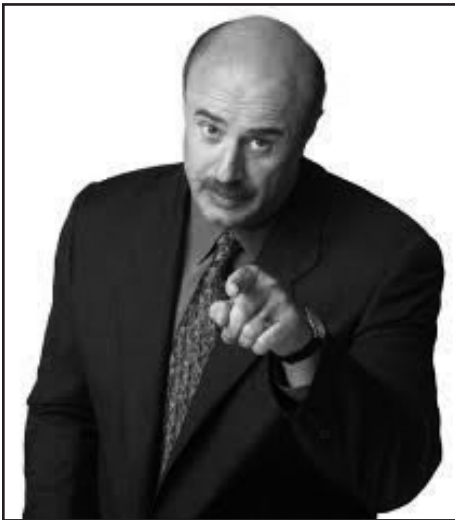
The efforts of the second floor dwellers will be acknowledged by the registrar, and they will be given a quarter of a credit to be counted towards Core 251: Lifespan Development.

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Opinion

Phil’s Philosophy



Your Therapist - Columnist

This week, there have been a lot of “dealing with stress” posters around campus. They outline ways to cope with and avoid stress. Getting exercise, eating well, getting comfy and other healthy-sounding habits are listed as ways to deal with the fact that you have no idea what you’re doing with your life, or the fact that you have a paper due tomorrow that you haven’t started yet. These ideas all sound really nice, but I think they offer a view of only one side of the coin. There is an alternative way to deal with stress. Just give in. Let it take over and run your life.

The moment you give into stress, all your problems will go away. If you let your stress take over, you won’t care if that paper is due tomorrow, because your mind will be totally cracked; you will fall into a life of blissfully insane dysfunction. All those assignments and money problems that you think you have right now will disappear if you just let yourself go nuts.

People will be gracious to you in life because of your mental state; your grades won’t go down as far as they could if you battled with stress; the government and the school will forgive your loans because, now that you’re insane, they know you’ll never get a job to pay them back. Even your parents will look at you moving back into the basement as positive because, as they’ll explain to their friends and coworkers. “It’s really the best thing considering what you’ve been through, you poor dear.” You’ll be able to live at home, play video games and never worry about school or anything again.

Another upside to giving into stress is that it opens up opportunities for your classmates. If you go crazy, you’ll be out of the running for countless classes, jobs, housing options and even future spouses that your were previously competing for. The people around you will thank you for getting out of the way of their dreams. By removing yourself from the competition surrounding college life, you make life easier and make the world a better place for others. Why not redeem the rat race by making it easier on others? Every square inch, right?

So, this exam season, just let stress take care of your problems. Instead of trying to fight your way through the stress, let it take you down the easy road.

May I Suggest?



Van Wilder - Columnist

After conducting extensive research on the issue, it is clear to me that Dordt’s campus needs a bar. Giving young college students unbridled access to alcohol can only end well. To help prove this point, I decided to interview some of the more prominent figures connected to Dordt and get their take on the issue.

Senior Lee Veldkamp, Kuyper hall resident, had a lot to say about the bar. “It would expand our horizons and really help our beer pong team. Right now, we can only compete with Pensacola College and Cedarville University. If we want to really establish ourselves in the Collegiate Beer Pong League (CBPL), a bar is a must.” He mentioned that teammate Ross Van Groningen had puked after only two beers at practice the previous week. “It was pathetic. We need better practice facilities.”

Recent graduate Corey Muilenburg weighed in on the subject as well. “It took me a few months to understand all the secular terms used in the real world. People at work kept inviting me to this ‘happy hour’ thing. I was very confused until I figured out this wasn’t the hour after praise and worship when everyone is extremely happy. A bar would have prepared me better for the work world.”

The Admissions Office seemed to love the idea. Star recruiter Dan Finley was especially supportive, “I am often faced with the question of what there is to do at Dordt. I never have an answer. If we started a bar, I could probably bring in 500 more students a year.”

Football Coach Greg Youngblood is also pushing hard for the bar. “A bar would really allow us to bring in the type of football players we are looking for. It’s extremely hard to find guys that possess both talent and high character, so we are often forced to choose. Consistent access to alcohol on campus would be a big draw for the talented recruits we need to be successful.”

Student Services thinks the bar is a great idea too. Liesl Scholten had this to say: “Our staff of CDA’s is currently very overworked. By allowing alcohol on campus, it would remove a lot of stress from the CDA position. They could spend more time improving ‘The Weekly Email’ and other things.”

The final, main supporter of the bar is the Advancement Office. A student from the call center, who wished to remain unnamed, shed light on the situation: “Whenever I call donors they always ask if we have a bar on campus yet. Unfortunately, I have to say no. After this, they usually refuse to donate and hang up.” Another student chimed in with an unsolicited quote, “Remember how awesome hoop night was? We could definitely get the bar sponsored. Imagine Budweiser night!”

Clearly Dordt is headed for a bar. Nothing could really go wrong with the idea. Alcohol always results in good, clean fun, especially in the hands of responsible college students.

New Minor Being Offered



Uncle Sam - Columnist

The goal of Dordt College is to prepare students to go out into the real world and make money. Okay just kidding. That’s only part of the mandate obviously, since we are also trained to be spiritual crusaders. Another goal of Dordt College is to act as a matchmaker, utilizing student services opportunities and classroom curriculum to fuse together man and woman in holy matrimony. But there is one thing that Dordt doesn’t prepare us students for, something I deem to be extremely vital for future existence: WWII.

With the turmoil and devastation that is plaguing many countries today (Crimea, Syria, Israel), preparing for WWII isn’t as far fetched as you may think. And if you look at history, this wouldn’t be the first time that schools prepared for military disaster. During the Cold War, many colleges included classes on nuclear survival, how to shoot a machine gun and how to cook food if your mom gets captured. There needs to be Dordt classes addressing these imminent issues. Fortunately, my voice has been heard. Next semester Dordt plans to offer a minor in WWII Preparation with the slogan “Welcome to the gun show” implanted on all program paraphernalia. The minor will be a great pick-up for criminal justice majors, who may gain something valuable from a class that teaches you how to kick \$%#.

The question that you are all probably wondering is who will be the head of this program? Two words for you: Doctor Cosgrove. For those of you who don’t know him, he is a history professor here at Dordt. His credentials and attributes for this position are about as illustrious as the dark, thick mane that flows from his head. To give you a taste, he once parallel parked a train...using the train set found in his basement. He once was part of the selective group known as Seal Team 6, a prestigious unit known for their ability to balance beach balls on their noses. And finally, he once visited the city of Paris, but he angered the local Parisians because their facial hair just wasn’t “manly enough” for his standards. Cosgrove is, in the words of the Dos Equis guy, the most interesting man in the world.

So if you have any interest in surviving WWII, I advise you to pick up this minor. Unfortunately for all the smart people out there, complicated math formulas or complex chemical diagrams will be of no use to you when the fighting starts. So take my advice and save your futuristic lives...before it’s too late. Over and out.

Ha. My turn now.



Caleb Vanderhill - Columnist

Hello everyone. My name is Caleb Vanderhill. You may know me as the object of ridicule in Kyle and Darin’s column. But today, the tables have turned. I, Caleb Vanderhill, have taken over this column. It’s my joy and pleasure to be writing to my fellow Dordt students without hinderinse from those two conceited schmucks.

Okay, so here we go. Let’s see...what should I talk about. Man, this is really hard. How do they do this every issue? So...I think they usually start with a joke. Yeah, yeah. That’s good. Okay. “Where does the chemist put his dishes? In the zinc!” Ho ho ho! Oh, Caleb Vanderhill. When did you get so hilarious? Next, they usually segue into some serious topic. I need to write about something I know a lot about...I have it! Grilled Cheese Sandwiches!

Grilled Cheese sandwiches are amazing. Personally, I enjoy their distinct flavor. They’re simple to make, and fun for the whole family! Need a good housewarming gift? Look no further than a nice golden grilled cheese sandwich. I like adding my own twist to grilled cheese, like ham or Hershey’s syrup. Mmmmmmm.

Caleb begins to salivate gratuitously.

Anyway, Grilled Cheese. The name originates from the act of grilling and the fact that there’s cheese on it. It was invented by my great-great-great-great grandfather Sir Cornelius “Gouda” Vanderhill. Since, it has reached worldwide popularity. I’m so proud of him. A delicacy of both kings and emperors alike, the grilled cheese was...

Caleb sits ponderously for a moment.

You know, I don’t really know much about grilled cheese. I’m sorry. I don’t really know much about anything. I just wanted you guys to think I was cool. But I just couldn’t lie anymore. I think of you dear readers as my friends. Where would I be today without you? Nowhere, that’s where. What I do know is being truthful with yourself and everyone around you is important for...something. The first step to whatever is being honest or whatever. That’s what I, Caleb Vanderhill, want to say to you. I guess I’m supposed to end with a joke now. But I won’t, because I’m not like those other guys. I’m my own man: CALEB VANDERHILL!

Caleb stands up, and leaves the room with fists raised. After a few seconds, Kyle and Darin descend from the ceiling.

Kyle: Did he just teach himself a lesson?

Darin: I think so. We need to stop letting him do that before he hurts himself.

Kyle: Let’s look at this article he wrote...

Darin: Ha! He spelled hinderance wrong!

Kyle: What an idiot!

Darin: HA!

Kyle: HO!

Sports

Dordt baseball season to be simulated on Xbox

Joe Buckweed - Staff Writer

Due to cold, rainy and otherwise inclement weather, the Greater Plains Athletic Conference made a bold decision last week that directly affected Dordt’s baseball team.

The GPAC ruled that the remainder of the regular season will be simulated by an Xbox, thereby eliminating the threat of poor playing conditions and unnecessary travel expenses.

“With today’s modern technology, this decision was a no-brainer,” said GPAC commissioner Corey Westra. “On the Xbox, every game is 75 degrees and sunny. Beats sitting out on frigid, metal bleachers and freezing my rear off.”

Westra hired a neighborhood boy to set up the simulation because the commissioner wasn’t familiar with the controls. The youngster set up a custom league on the popular video game MLB 2K13 that parallels the 11-team GPAC conference, even creating perfect – well, decent – likenesses of each player.

“The game has me with a goatee and brightly-colored neck tattoos,” noticed senior relief pitcher Jeremy Engbers. “I’ve never considered that look, but maybe I’ll try it out. I’d be pretty intimidating on the mound... you know, if we actually played real games.”

Senior Nathan Fraley was also caught off guard.

“My stance is all wrong, and when I run it looks like I have indigestion,” said the center fielder Fraley. “I have way more swag in real life.”

Each simulated game will be streamed online during the time the real-life game was supposed to be played. Dordt head coach Jeff Schouten is tickled about the new development.

“How often do you get to watch your virtual self on TV?” asked Schouten, the 10th-year coach. “Plus, I always struggled with the whole sign-giving thing; touching my hat and my elbow and wiggling my nose, you know? It was confusing. This way, the game makes all those decisions for me.”

Dordt struggled in the early simulations, losing a doubleheader to Nebraska Wesleyan University. The second game ended controversially when the game glitched and right fielder Jason Wapnick wasn’t able to pick up a ball that was sitting still on the outfield grass, resulting in a walk-off inside-the-park home run.

Schouten’s appeal to the league office was denied, and the result was upheld. The commissioner claimed there was no glitch and pointed out Wapnick’s 24 out of 99 rating in ‘Player Awareness.’

Glitch or not, Wapnick had to hide his face around campus because of the costly gaffe.

“I feel like Bill Buckner,” said Wapnick,



Jeremy can finally throw a 103 mph fastball and counter it with a 48 mph knuckleball. Tim Wakefield meets Randy Johnson. Photo by Deadline Dodger

referencing the oft-scapegoated Boston Red Sox player whose error once cost his club the World Series. “My teammates deserved to win that game, and I let them down.”

The simulation has received criticism from several Dordt players. They argue that some of the game’s player ratings are inaccurate.

“Sam De Nooy got a 99 for ‘Appearance,’” said designated hitter Jon Holwerda. “Who named him the best-looking guy on the team?”

“A 36 for ‘Speed?’” queried sophomore Bryan Wallman. “That makes it sound like I literally crawl to first base. I could put on full catcher’s gear, strap Nate Forseth to my back

and still run faster in real life than I do in the game.”

The buzz around the simulation has sparked talk of starting a full-time virtual league. GPAC officials say they may experiment with next year’s cross country season.

As for the current baseball campaign, the Defenders are simply taking it one day at a time.

“Our guys have been working their butts off on the practice field,” said Schouten. “Hopefully our efforts pay off when the TV goes on and our virtual selves hit the field.”

Track stud shocks nation by choosing Dordt over other schools

Xander York - Staff Writer

Speed. Agility. Quickness. That’s what Trayvonn Brummel brings to the table for the Dordt Defender track team.

Most people outside of the track world have no idea who Brummel is, so to introduce him, here are just a few of the accomplishments he garnered in his time at Gibbs High School in St. Petersburg, Fla.

He was named the 2013 Gatorade National



Brummel bears an oddly familiar resemblance to former Dordt sprinter Alex Henderson.

Track and Field Athlete of the Year. He recorded the fastest time ever run by a high school athlete in the 100-meter dash at 9.99 seconds. He won the 100-meter event at the USA Junior Championships, and, to round it all out, he won the 100-meter dash at the New Balance Nationals and Golden South Classic with the nation’s fastest wind-legal time of 10.27 seconds.

Heralded as one of the fastest high school sprinters in the nation, Brummel had his fair share of schools offering track scholarships. But his choice was a curious one; one many people think he will end up regretting for the rest of his life.

“All I’ve gotten is hate from the national public,” Brummel said. “People all want me to go to their school. Well, guess what? I am the one who gets to choose. God gave me this life, these talents – not you.”

The entire backlash has only fired up Brummel, and he wants to prove his enemies wrong. Now, more than ever, Brummel is dedicated to the sport, and it is only a matter of time before Brummel is shooting for the Olympics.

“I don’t think I’ll compete this upcoming Summer Olympics,” Brummel said. “I mean, I would love to, but I am nowhere near as fast as those guys yet. You have to remember I’m only going to be a freshman in college. Give me time, and someday, I’ll be able to prove Dordt proud.”

So why would the nation’s fastest high schooler choose Dordt College as his go-to school?

“I mean, why not? There are all these Christian athletes in sports, but they all go to

these big universities and put their names out there. Thing is, I can do that at a Christian college, too. If I’m good enough, fast enough and deserve it, my name will be out there. Dordt is a great school and, in my mind, a Christian education is important.”

There was some backlash directed towards Brummel’s parents, Cashmeres Brummel and Shree Sanders, for letting their son stray away from a big university where the competition would be much greater.

“He is our son, and we support his decision,” Sanders said. “He wants to strengthen his faith and run track. Guess what? He can do that at Dordt.”

What Brummel can and will bring to the table for the Defender track team is exhilarating. Unless another Great Plains Athletic Conference school can snag a steal like Trayvonn Brummel, Dordt could be running away from the competition, both on the track and on the leaderboard.

Welcome to the 2014 Dordt College freshman class, Trayvonn!

March Madness

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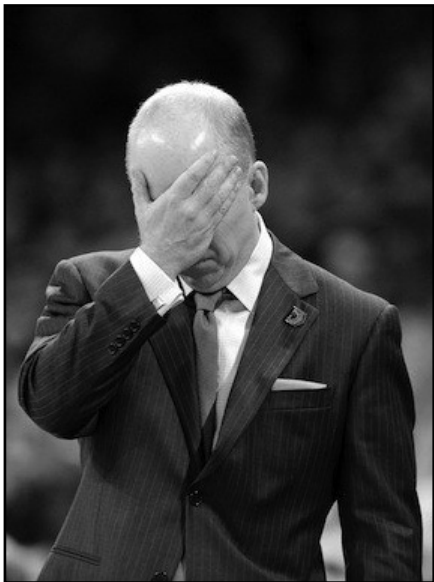
meaning of March Madness.

“If you don’t realize that March Madness is about basketball, what kind of rock have you been living under?” asked Douma. “Just fill out a bracket, and watch the tournament like normal people.”

Senior Wendy White admits to being confused by the whole thing.

“Right after Spring Break, everybody started saying they were going to make a ‘racket,’” said White. “Why would we all of a sudden start making rackets? We’re supposed to be a peaceful campus.”

The anger management clinic that received Dordt’s troublemakers prescribed a period of psychological testing and a month of watching SportsCenter non-stop.



Arts and Entertainment

Vending machines give edible handmade art

Gordon Ramsay - Staff Writer

There's a new vending machine on campus. Not one that holds candy bars or sodas, but edible handmade art!

Complete with many different flavors and colors, art students create art small enough to fit in a vending machine and are available for students to purchase!

The price of the pieces ranges from 5 to 10 dollars.

The "art" in the vending machine created by the art students will be available for purchase to you through your defender dollar payments, as well.

"Each month will hold a new genre of food in the vending machine," art professor Matt Drissell said. "Starting next fall, the first flavor of art is Italian. I'm especially excited about this one because it's my favorite food!"

Also starting next fall will be a culinary and art immersion class, created specifically for the art students who want to contribute to the vending machine. This class will be offered every fall.

This class will teach students how to make their artwork into culinary masterpieces.

"I am excited for this idea because when I'm not making art, I'm eating food," Junior art major Jane Kelly said. "I already have an

idea for next fall's menu: chicken parmesan. My mouth is already watering!"

Kelly will be using many different mediums in her edible piece, and they include whole white meat chicken, garlic, assorted acrylic paints and many more products as well.

The vending machine will open for purchases from 11:30-12:45 every day on a first-come, first-served basis.

"It's like the art department is setting up their own cute little cafe!" Freshman Julie Barnes said. "Like I literally can't even handle the cuteness."

Food will be served both hot and cold, and you may decide to stay and eat in the department or take it to go.

"One of the best things about this is that none of the food will have an expiration date," Drissell said.

So when the commons just isn't cutting it, and you've had too many chicken Cesar salads from the grille, stop by the art department and grab something delicious from this truly unique vending machine.

*Because the food in the machine will also be made with paint and other art products, the food is advised to be eaten at your own risk. The art department is not responsible for outstanding medical bills due to its art and food products being combined.



Commencement

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"We discussed the possibility of giving everyone credit for the Lifespan Development class, but we decided that Dordt students will need to take the class regardless," said Mark Christians, who currently teaches Lifespan Development.

Commencement will continue to take place at 10 a.m. The BJ Haan will need an immense amount of individuals to help clean the place from top to bottom after the conclusion of the Kazoo clinic. A large number of students will be needed to scrape gum off the bottom of the band chairs. If recruited, please bring your own utensils for this job. Juniors will be in charge of cleaning this year; students should Ross Van Groningen for further information.



Best Ideafest project will be put into practice

Bandicoot Crumblycake- Staff Writer

On April 1, Dordt students got together to present ideas in the annual Ideafest. Students from all classes and areas of study showed off Powerpoints, posters, videos and speeches on the brilliant ideas they thought they had. Paul Fessler, professor of history at Dordt, was the main organizer of the presentations.

"I'm impressed by how many students signed up to present their ideas," said Fessler. "I heard so many interesting arguments, including one from that guy who wants a bar on campus."

Other ideas that students introduced included a petition to lower the price of the mozzarella sticks in the Grille, the blueprints to a potential underground tunnel system connecting all of campus, the start of an official President Hoekstra fan club on campus and a random guy who serenaded his audience with a love song. Aaron Baart, Dordt's dean of chapel, confessed that he presented the idea for a President Hoekstra fan club.

"I'm definitely President Hoekstra's biggest fan," said Baart. "I really think we need a Hoekstra fan club and I figured that no one would notice if I presented something at Ideafest. Since I'm so cool and young, everyone thinks I'm a student."

All of the ideas presented at Ideafest will be seriously considered by Dordt's administration. President Erik Hoekstra himself is on the committee that will sit and ponder the benefits of all of the ideas.

"Except the fan club idea," said Hoekstra. "That's just creepy."

Students hope that the committee will accept their ideas. If their idea gets the approval, then it will be put into practice on Dordt's campus. Jon De Groot, another member of the committee, has already picked his favorite idea.

"I heard this one great idea to replace chapel with an hour long dance party," said De Groot. "I think that's a great idea! I'm positive I would just blow everyone away with my dance moves."

However, some students could care less if the committee chooses their ideas. Tanner Brasser, a digital media major, presented a movie that he helped produce.

"We made a music video for the song Happy by Pharrell Williams," said Brasser. "It's literally the best video in the world, so just having that recognition is satisfaction enough."

The music video features Brasser dancing to the whole song dressed as a hobbit, so that's pretty cool.

Other students like Brasser feel that their ideas are good even without the consent of the committee. Aubrey Pasker, a junior, set up a display of artwork during Ideafest.

"I actually didn't know that Ideafest was going on," said Pasker. "I was just in the Eckhardt making towers out of my textbooks because I was bored. Someone came by and was like, 'Whoa! Your artwork is super cool! Ideafest, right?' and then a bunch of judges



Meme by Your Mom's Other Shoe

came by...I'm still confused."

If you missed Ideafest on April 1, too bad. The committee will choose the best idea and secretly instigate it into the Dordt way of life without announcing it to anyone. You'll just have to look for changes and assume they're the result of this year's Ideafest.

The Back Page

Fresh Prince makes a comeback

Your Mom's Right Shoe - Staff Writer

And I'd like to take a minute, just sit right there,
I'll tell you how I became the prince of a town called Bel Air!

If you have a tough time recalling these lyrics to the opening theme song of a hit show that was popular in the 90's, then we probably shouldn't be friends. Shouldn't? Actually, we just straight up can't. The good news is that, no, we still can't be friends, but you will have time to redeem yourself in the near future!

Hitting the Lifetime channel in the spring of 2016, will be a reboot of the popular 90's sitcom The Fresh Prince of Bel Air titled The Less Fresh Prince of Bel Air! The creation, which is still in the works, is in no way affiliated with Will Smith, because let's face it, he doesn't have the time to devote to the show that got him started in Hollywood. Plus his son is far too busy becoming a less successful Karate Kid and his daughter is still recovering from whiplash no thanks to her "whipping her hair back and forth" stage. The Smith family clearly has bigger fish to fry.



The return is real.

the ACT actually apply to my life?" At the same time, we want to create a sitcom that is original. We don't want to do something that has already been done before," said producer and cameraman seven, Alowishous Huntington III.

With all of this in mind, they want to stay true to the plot of the original story. Dialogue, setting, props and costuming will be the main points of change. There is a large amount of speculation that this show has the potential to be the next Breaking Bad or Phineas and Ferb, so the producers have already signed a contract guaranteeing that The Less Fresh Prince of Bel Air will air for three straight seasons. Whether the show continues on after three seasons will only be decided if the future ratings stay consistent with American Idol "Season One" views.

Tune into to The Less Fresh Prince of Bel Air, which will air in the spring of 2016 on the Lifetime channel.

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Due to Austin's mishap, he will be forced to leave his position at Computer Services. However, all is well because he has a job lined up at HP in Idaho.

Student Symposium "Update"

Aight... So I'ma lay it straight to y'all right here. Some dude named Reuben has been feeding some updates here. He makes it seem like things actually get done on the Tuesday night meetings. First thing that needs to be said about him: "that hur tho." Second, all he's been feeding you is a plate of lies. LIES! You know what they do? The upperclassmen members divide into teams for QuarterBowl later that night while the underclassmen get their rest for a late night of driving. Other "meetings" not on Tuesday are usually just some place where they can go grill and laugh at the issues that YOU people present to them. What might even be worse is that these elections they have every spring? They treat it like *Whose Line is it Anyway?*, where the votes are made up and the nominees don't matter. Except it would be a version hosted by slim Drew Carry and some random black guy from Vine with Justin Beiber instead of Wayne Brady and Colin Mochrie. These are the facts that just needed to be stated, whether or not you listen, I don't really care.

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